

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 2, 7-9, 13-14, 16-18, 22-24, 28-29, 31-33, 37-39, and 43-44 have been currently or previously cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-5, 10-12, 15, 25-27, 30, 34, and 40-42 have been further amended, and new claims 45-54 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 10-12, 15, 19-21, 25-27, 30, 34-36, 40-42, and 45-54 remain pending.

Applicant appreciatively acknowledges the Examiner's consideration of Applicant's amendments and arguments submitted in the response dated January 3, 2006.

Claims Objections

Claims 1, 10, 25, 26, and 30 were objected to for various informalities. Claims 1, 10, 25, 26, and 30 have been amended accordingly, overcoming the Examiner's objections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the Examiner points out that certain phrases in claims 10 and 25 lack antecedent basis. Claims 10 and 25 have been amended accordingly, overcoming the Examiner's rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

In "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102" on page 5 of the above-identified final Office Action, claims 1, 3-6, 10-12, 15, 19-21, 25-27, 30, 34-36, and 40-42 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by the Wireless Markup Language (WML), as described by the "Wireless Application Protocol Wireless Markup Language Specification," dated April 10, 1998 (hereinafter "WML") under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 10-11, 15, 25-26, 30, and 40-41 to overcome the Examiner's rejections. All amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure; no new matter has been introduced.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite a method comprising:

"receiving by a client device, from a remote server, a plurality of display state definitions defining a plurality of instantiations of a user interface of an application for a plurality of display states of the user interface, with at least one of the plurality of instantiations of the user interface corresponding to a multidimensional display state, the at least one instantiation defined by two or more of the plurality of display state definitions;
determining locally by the client device, a current display state of the user interface; and provisioning by the client device, a current instantiation of said user interface in accordance with one or more of the display state definitions associated with the determined current display state."

In contrast, WML simply teaches a deck of cards which may correspond to an HTML page where each card in the deck corresponds to a single instantiation of a user interface. Assuming, for the sake of argument, that WML's deck of cards reads on the plurality of display state definitions recited by claim 1, and that each of WML's cards reads on a display state definition of claim 1, WML nonetheless fails to disclose, expressly or inherently, an instantiation of a user interface defined by two or more cards. Instead, WML teaches a 1-1 correspondence between user interface instantiations and cards (see WML 4.1). Thus, in WML, there is no concept of "display state" that is separate and distinct from a user interface instantiation, as each card ("display state definition") only defines a single user interface instantiation ("display state" / "instantiation of the user interface"). Accordingly, WML further fails to disclose "at least one of the plurality of instantiations of the user interface corresponding to a multidimensional display state," as is claimed by claim 1. A multidimensional display state, as shown in the present application (pgs. 14-16), is a display state corresponding to more than one display state definition. WML simply does not teach a display state corresponding to more than one card.

Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over WML under 35 USC §102(b).

Each of independent claims 10, 11, 15, 25, 26, 30, 40, and 41 includes in substance the same recitation requiring at least one instantiation of the user interface to be defined by two or more display state definitions and to correspond to a multidimensional display state, discussed earlier for claim 1. Thus, for at least the same reasons, independent claims 10, 11, 15, 25, 26, 30, 40, and 41 are patentable over WML.

Claims 3-6, 12, 19-21, 27, 34-36, and 42 depend on either claim 1, 11, 15, 26, 30, or 41, incorporating their limitations, respectively. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons, claims 3-6, 12, 19-21, 27, 34-36, and 42 are patentable over WML.

Conclusion

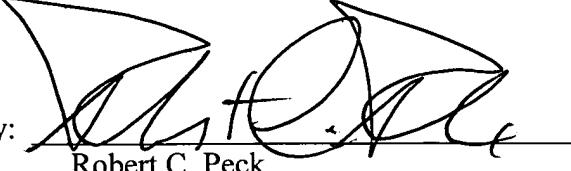
In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that remaining claims 1, 3-6, 10-12, 15, 19-21, 25-27, 30, 34-36, 40-42, and 45-54 are in condition for allowance. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1513. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

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